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PARIS SEES MOSCOW-JERUSALEM DETENTE

ARABS STUNNED BY EBAN VISIT TO WARSAW

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN IS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

Last Monday evening, April 25th, proved to be one of the most gratifying in the history of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal.

It was a capacity audience where standing room was at a premium, where emotions fluctuated, where nostalgia predominated, where tears mingled with joy and laughter — for it was the celebration of Israel's eighteenth birthday. Chai, as well as the official campaign rally of the 1966 United Jewish Appeal.

The mood was set when Kalman Berger, chairman of the Labor Zionist Movement, Central Region, opened the program.

After having listened to guest speaker Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, the Toronto Jewish community was ready to pledge their hearts and purses in a cause that would benefit Israel in its defense, its solidarity, its very being.

As Morris Kaufman, this year's campaign chairman, stated:

"Israel can only survive with the help of free-world Jewry. Israel can be strong with our support. Conversely our security will be greater if there is a strong Israel."

Hannah Aharoni, famous Israeli chanteuse, presented a program of popular Israeli songs; the ZAYAC dance group performed; selected readings from both Israel's Declaration of Independence and the works of the well known Yiddish poet Alterman were delivered.

Patrons were: The United Jewish Appeal; United Jewish Welfare Fund; Toronto Zionist Council; members of the United Zionist Council which comprises Achdut Avodah; Hadassah-Wizo of Toronto; Labor Zionist Movement (Central Region); Farband Labor Zionist Order; Pioneer Women; Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization; Zionist Organization of Canada (Central Division); Zionist Revisionist Organization of Canada (Central Region); all groups, societies and synagogues.

U. S. PROMISES ISRAEL AID TO THE TUNE OF $52 MILLION

WASHINGTON. — Israel finally was informed last week by the United States that the Jewish state will receive food and economic aid, as was reported by the New York Times correspondent.

The State Department declared that the American offer is for $52 million in surplus foods, economic development loans and Export Import Bank credits in the next year.

Ever since previous aid contracts had expired last fall, Israel has asked the U.S. for $70 million in surplus foods to carry her for the next two-year period and $39 million in economic development loans.

Nevertheless, the American offer most likely will be accepted. Wahington and Tel Aviv will begin negotiations soon.

Offer After Several Delays

After several delays, the American offer was made. It was understood that Isreal would receive $33 million in agricultural goods under the Food for Peace program, $10 million in progress loans and approximately $9 million in Export-Import Bank credits to be able to purchase American products.

Foreign aid officials were skeptical about Israel's requiring further economic assistance from the United State for she has a per capita income comparable to that of the Netherlands.

Israeli officials, however, insist that the country is faced with some economic problems which require further aid. These include the end of German reparations this year, Israel's heavy defense burden, deficit in payments partly because of the difficulties in exporting material to the European Common Market and a foreign debt amounting to about $1.2 billion.

U.S.-Arab Transactions a Factor

A serious factor in Washington's delay was ascertained to be that the United States was negotiating jointly with the United Arab Republic for renewal of surplus food aid.

While the Israeli solicitation was yet unsettled in January, the Administration approved a six month, $55 million surplus food program for Cairo. Thus Israeli officials believed their request would receive American approval shortly after.

However, probably expecting a new Egyptian request for continuation of the surplus food aid, the Administration set aside action on the Israeli request.

Apparently the proposed aid to Israel would be at about the same level as that of last July, with some variations.

The agreement would be for one year instead of three. Again the United States would offer $20 million in economic aid—but only half in low interest, long-term development loans. For the rest, Israel would pay 5.5 per cent interest to the Export-Import Bank.

Moreover, tight restrictions on payment for the surplus food would be imposed by the United States. According to the pattern established in the agreement with the United Arab Republic, Israel would be expected to pay for about one-fourth of the agricultural commodities in dollars, the rest in local currency.

His visit to Polish capital stirs unrest in Cairo: Abba Eban.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT WARSAW MAY 11

RUSSIA, USA SAID IN AGREEMENT FOR PEACEFUL MIDEAST

(By M. J. Nurenberger, CJN Editor)

Paris (Special Cable to The Canadian Jewish News). - Arab diplomats are busy in several capitals of Communist countries trying to destroy the reported détente between these nations and Israel.

This new Arab activity especially is strong in Moscow, Pankow (capital of East Germany) and Warsaw where Abba Eban, Israel's dynamic Foreign Minister, is expected to arrive on Thursday, May 12th.

The announcement of Mr. Eban's visit to Poland — where he will remain a full week and confer with Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki — has caused as much alarm in anti-Israeli Arab governments — especially those of Cairo and Damascus — as it has provoked unanimous approval in Israel.

CHANGE NOTED

Diplomatic circles here recall that only last year the Warsaw regime had opposed a visit by Interior Minister Haim Moshe Shapira who wanted to be present at the opening of an international fair in which his government had participated. That the Polish regime now has agreed to the Foreign Minister's visit to Warsaw for a stay of one week is being interpreted in informed circles here as a definite break of the diplomatic wall between most of the "socialist" countries and Israel.

MEETING RAPACKI

Officially Eban will be in Warsaw to preside at a meeting of the Israeli diplomats accredited to the Eastern Bloc countries. Yet despite the non-official character of Mr. Eban's sojourn in the Polish capital, Warsaw confirmed that his Polish counterpart, Mr. Rapacki, known as a man most favorably disposed to Jews, will meet with the Israeli statesman.

TO VISIT AUSCHWITZ

From dispatches reaching diplomatic circles in the French capital — which has excellent relations with all Eastern Bloc countries — it is feasible to deduct that the Polish government may want to give the widest possible publicity to Mr. Eban's visit.

First, it is announced in Poland that Mr. Eban will pay an official visit to Auschwitz, site of the infamous death camp of millions of Jews. Also, he will undertake officially a pilgrimage to the monument of the Ghetto Uprising in Warsaw.

SUPPORT POLES

In connection with Mr. Eban's visit to Poland, it is reported from Jerusalem that the Israeli government, upon several instances, had informed Warsaw it would not support German claims for the return to their pre-war frontiers on the Niesse and Oder Rivers nor the demand that Silesia and other former German areas be restored to Germany.

The Israeli government went on record of supporting as DEFINITE the present Polish-German border, which pleased the Poles.

Furthermore, another clever diplomatic move on Israel's part is, in the eyes of French experts, its refusal to enter into diplomatic relations with the South-Vietnamese regime.

Third but not last in importance is Mr. Eban's continuous banging on the Tashkent idea of peace between Israel and the Arabs. This is a very welcome support for Russian initiative in the peace conference in the Asiatic Soviet City of Tashkent where Russia's Premier Kosygin brought together India and Pakistan.

END OF ARAB BLACKMAIL

Commenting last weekend on this Israeli slogan, the very influential Paris newspaper, Le Figaro, stated:

"... It is difficult to know whether the time has arrived for such a conference between Israel and the Arab states. However it is certain that the concept of Tashkent has much more resonance and prestige in the East than in the West."

This is exactly what some chauvinistic Arabs fear. Should Israel reach a modus vivendi with the Eastern Bloc, the Arabs would be finished in the area of their blackmail game between Washington and Moscow.

Though this is difficult to confirm, some reliable French sources maintain that Eban's visit to Warsaw is the first step in a "defreazing" Middle East policy, the result of an understanding in favor of peace in this area between Russia and America.

CHOUVAKHIN-ESHKOL MEETING

Le Monde, which is close to the French Foreign Ministry, reports that another sign of better relations between East and West is last week's interview between the Soviet Ambassador to Israel, Dimitry Chouvakhin, and Premier Levi Eshkol. The meeting, stresses Le Monde, was held upon the suggestion of Mr. Chouvakhin and "was very cordial." Also the Soviet envoy informed the Israeli premier that Russia "does not think of excluding Israel" from any of her diplomatic activities in this area.

SEE "DE GAULLE MOVE"

In this connection, it is desirable to mention the forthcoming visit in Israel of Konstantin Simonov, the Soviet writer and recent Nobel Prize winner. Mr. Simonov declared in Moscow this week that he will be in Israel about ten days "to labor for a rapprochement between Soviet and Israeli writers."

All this is happening, according to informed circles, in this capital because the "Israeli government follows De Gaulle's example of working for an understanding with Russia while continuing to keep out Communists and their sympathizers from the government." Russia enjoys working with non-Communist countries; she is afraid of any variation of Marxist-doctrinnaires since her experience with China and Albania.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

THE UN VERSUS THE SHLEMIEL

It is the little man, such as the Soldier Swejk in Hasek's famous war novel or his Czech compatriot in Kafka's stories, who inspires us with the thought of the utter helplessness of man facing red tape and bureaucratic viciousness. For such is the story of the three Israeli fruit peddlers—father Hanuka and son and their friend Oded Meir—who returned home to Israel last month after eight months of torture in Egyptian jails.

Everybody recalls how they had strayed across the border into No Man's Land off Gaza; how Arabs on the opposite side had encouraged them to cross the frontier; how the United Nations—guardians of peace—had intercepted the three "dangerous" men and then had taken them to Gaza proper and turned them over to Egyptian authorities.

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This United Nations border force is presumed to be neutral. Therefore how was it possible for the Arabs to have lured these three shlemiels into No Man's Land and then have been able to leave the UN patrols? Or are agents-provocateurs immune when it comes to dispensing justice at the Gaza border? Furthermore, how could representatives of independent governments, including Canada, have allowed such an outrage? Or had the Canadian representative in the UNICEF command favored his Indian colleague with the gift of three Israeli peddlers (including a 13-year-old boy) for Egyptian prisons?

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I can just visualize the expression upon the faces of these three shlemiels when they found themselves in an Egyptian jail — brought there, placed into the hands of their torturers by the world organization whose duty it is to defend human rights and human dignity. They must have wondered whether this UNICEF commission is predisposed naturally against their people. Otherwise how could representatives of a government like Canada, whose prestige in the Middle East is matched by very few powers, not have insisted on the immediate release of these sented be rectified.

Perhaps, however, it is more important to inquire how it is possible that, of all Jewish organizations whose only reason for existence is to defend human rights, human dignity, not one had approached the Canadian government with the question, a very pertinent one, of why Ottawa did not insist that this "error" by the Commission in which she is represented by rectified.

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There are those who enjoy platitudes in messages and greetings to conventions by high government officials and United Nations dignitaries. To me, action that would have prevented the travail and sufferings of the three melon peddlers at the Gaza Strip is more preferable. Or is it possible that for the little man there is no defender, no advocate, no organization, no legal principle—no right?

I repeat, this is a Canadian issue, a humanitarian issue affecting especially those dealing with the International Jewish scene and Israel. Hence why the silence?

One must remember always: if incidents like this Gaza near-tragedy are setting a pretext in international law, it is a bad example.

Human dignity, in my opinion, begins and ends with the right of the little man.

SPANISH-JEWISH LEADER ADDRESSES PRIESTS IN MONASTERY WHERE INQUISITOR LIES

MADRID. — This month a Jewish leader of the community addressed assembled priests and friars in the Spanish monastery where Tomas Torquemada, the Grand Inquisitor, lies buried. He told them all about the Jewish faith.

It was in the walled city of Avila from his cell at the Dominican Monastery of St. Tomas that Torquemada prevailed upon King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella 474 years ago to order the expulsion or the conversion to Christianity of nearly a million-and-a-half Jews.

On April 4th, Max Mazin of the Spanish Jewish community numbering fewer than 8,000 people was a guest at Torquemada's monastery of the Dominican friars, according to a correspondent of the New York Times. There he lectured about the meaning of the Jewish religion and about Jewish-Christian relations.

Mazin described his visit as a "fantastic experience."

"It was an unbelievable thing for me and for the Jews to be a guest of honor in the place where Torquemada lived, acted and was buried," he stated. "It was the place of the Great Inquisition."

Mazin believes he was the first Jew ever to be formally invited to the monastery and "on top of that, to deliver a lecture about the Jews."

His invitation came from the Dominican order of Avila and the city's diocesan seminary to celebrate a "day of Jewish-Christian friendship," for Mazin is co-chairman of the four-year-old Association of Jewish-Christian Friendship and heads the 2,500-member Jewish community of Madrid.

It also happened to be the day of the Jewish feast of Passover. He did not visit Torquemada's tomb in the chapel adjoining the auditorium where he spoke for he had to return to Madrid for the seder, the festive religious supper.

The Jewish-Christian Friendship Association, one of the many examples of the friendly attitudes of the Spaniards toward Jews nowadays, was founded in 1962 during the Eichmann trial in Israel. At the time, Mazin said, there were some indications of rising antisemitism in Spain. To counteract it, he and several Jewish and Roman Catholic friends formed the association.

Also, since then the regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco has shown favor to the small Jewish communities.

ONE FRIEND HELPS THE OTHER: Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol (left), whose country will receive food and economic aid from the government of U. S. President Lyndon B. Johnson (right).

ISRAEL HAS COCA-COLA FRANCHISE

New York (CJN). - Israelis will be able to drink coca-cola after all. The Coca-Cola company has reversed an earlier decision and granted a bottling franchise to Abraham Feinberg, American Jewish banker, president of the Israeli Development Corporation and former chairman of the board of Brandeis University.

The announcement of the decision made last Friday — and welcomed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee — ended a controversy when Coca-Cola had refused to allow Tempo Soft Drinks, an Israeli bottling company, to produce and sell coke in Israel. This gave rise to allegations that the American company had surrendered to the Arab boycott, charges which were supported by an Anti-Defamation League investigation.

James Farley, chairman of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, said in a statement: "I want to emphasize that all decisions of this kind are constantly under assessment and reassessment." He previously stated that the earlier decision not to grant Israel a franchise was made purely for economic and marketing reasons.

The change of heart has been welcomed by Jewish and Israeli circles here as yet another triumph over the Arab boycott campaign. Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, who arranged the meeting between Coca-Cola's chairman and Mr. Feinberg, hailed the decision as "evidence of the company's independence of Arab or other boycott threats."

Mr. Feinberg added he would not have accepted the franchise if he felt that Coca-Cola had bowed to Arab boycott. He said he would leave soon for Israel to make a survey of capital needs for the new plant.

Meanwhile the Anti-Defamation League was "confident" that now another great American company had shown its contempt of the Arab boycott.

toronto after dark

This week, till tomorrow, Paul Anka is back again in Canada after a ten-year absence performing at O'Keefe Center. With him is Frank Fontaine, another starlet in the entertainment world.

At seventeen, Frank created a radio and night club character, John L. C. Sivony, Sweepstakes Winner, which had Hollywood knocking at his door. On the west coast, he made twelve motion pictures, including Scared Stiff with Jerry Lewis and Here Comes the Groom with Bing Crosby. Four years ago he joined Jackie Gleason's company and became a regular comic contributor to the weekly Gleason TV series, creating the now - famous Crazy Guggenheim to whom Gleason often acts as straight man. During this period it was discovered he possessed a fine singing voice.

POPULAR BALLADEER. -Eduardo Sasson, South American-Jewish balladeer, favorite in ten languages, who returns to Castle George by popular request coming Monday evening, May 2nd. Among other activities, Eduardo served in the Israeli Army and was wounded during the Sinai Campaign in 1957. He will entertain here through Saturday, June 11th.

BROADWAY COMEDY NEXT

The next presentation at the Royal Alex is The Owl and the Pussycat, with Eartha Kitt and Russell Nype, which will be seen for one week, beginning May 9th. Explosively funny, the production depicts the skill of both great personalities, delighting audiences wherever they perform.

FINALE

With the final presentation tomorrow of Hedda Gabler at the Crest, starring Marilyn Lightstone and Norman Welsh, the theater concludes an active season with the hope that it fares as well in the fall.

SOVIET ARTIST'S EXHIBIT

The paintings of Anatoli Kaplan, Leningrad resident, will be on exhibition and sale at Beth Tzedec Synagogue from May 2nd through May 5th.

Kaplan, 64, studied at the Leningrad Academy. For ten years he chiefly painted theatre sets and scenic design. In 1939 he became a member of the Union of Soviet Artists. An important work of his was the Views of Leningrad, bought by ten Russian museums and galleries and well known in the Soviet Union, United States and Europe. His best lithographs, produced during the late thirties, now are being seen outside the Soviet Union for the first time.

Surprisingly, Russia's darkest years, between 1938 and 1945, was the time Kaplan worked upon his illustrations to Sholem Aleichem's Kasrilovka, which touch gently but with pathos on universal human emotions.

Kaplan's tale of the Kid is a new creation. Though a story repeated on Passover night, The Kid assumes a Soviet reinterpretation for Kaplan makes no reference to God or the Angel of Death but ends with Man who harnesses the ox. The slaughterer of animals is replaced by a farmer who harnesses the ox to the plough. Despite these deletions, Kaplan succeeds in bringing out these ancientsymbols of the Jews in the way of primitive poetry.

Though Kaplan's technique in Jewish painting is not abstractly sophisticated yet it is not mawkishly sentimental but has the emotional impact, universality of appeal and technical stature of real works of art.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT

Eduardo Sasson, popular singer of ballads, returns to Castle George from May 2nd through June 11th.

Colombian-born, multi- talented, multilingual Sasson is the youngest son in a family of three boys and two girls. His parents are Nessim and Rachel Sasson. His father is an emerald exporter with business headquarters in Bogata.

Eduardo majored in philology at the Sorbonne in Paris. He speaks and writes ten languages fluently, including Sanskrit, and was employed by the United Nations in Geneva as an official interpreter. He also served in the Israeli Army and was wounded during the Sinai Campaign in 1957. He spent the remainder of his army days interrogating Arab prisoners. He lived in Paris, Switzerland and Tel Aviv before coming to this country two years ago.

Though Sasson has had no formal music education or voice training, he plays classical-popular-flamenco guitar and sings in Spanish, English Hebrew, Arabic, Portuguese, Russian, German, Italian and French; he does all his own musical arranging and writes poetry for his own enjoyment.

HILARIOUS DOMESTIC SCENE. - Eartha Kitt and Russell Nype as they appear in The Owl and the Pussycat. The comedy will be seen at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater for one week only, Monday, May 9th, through Saturday, May 16th.

the lively arts • BY D. COHN

● An exhibition of paintings by an 88-year-old Jewish artist, Emma Stern, has been opened in Saarbruecken. A GermanJewess, Mrs. Stern started to paint when she was 70. Her works already have been shown in France, Belgium and Switzerland.

● McGill University has put on show a model, 250 square feet, of the Temple made by an immigrant from Rumania, Lazare Halberthal, and his wife who is an artist. Halberthal, who arrived in Canada in 1952, has spent thirty years studying descriptions and archaeological findings dealing with the Temple.

● Yehudi Menuhin, violin virtuoso and former prodigy, last week celebrated his fiftieth birthday with a gala benefit concert in London. His 5-year-old son joined him — at the piano.

● Joseph Brodsky, 25-year-old Russian poet who was jailed for five years in 1963 as "a work-shy parasite," has been freed. It is thought that his release is linked with efforts being made to free Sinyavsky and Daniel.

● Jewelry said to be worth about $5,600 has been stolen recently from the vacation home of Rod Steiger, the actor, and his actress-wife, Claire Bloom, in Galway, Ireland.

● Kirk Douglas, the Mickey Marcus of the screen, now is in Lodz, Poland, charming his fans there.

● Fiddler on the Roof is being presented successfully for the first time in Europe at the theatre in Helsinki.

● Vladimir Horowitz and his wife (daughter of conductor Arturo Toscanini) have added their support to the campaign to save the old Metropolitan Opera House. Said Horowitz: "The Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall are the synthesis of music in America and the only great tradition we have, a tradition that is known the world over. To destroy the Met would be an act of barbarism."

● Mike Nichols, director of three hit comedies (The Odd Couple, Barefoot in the Park, Luv), will stage, Come Back! Go Away! I Love You. Book, music and lyrics are by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick of Fiddler on the Roof fame.

The entry will be Mike Nichols' first musical to be staged, as well as the debut of Bock and Harnick as librettists.

● Oscar Levant says: "Strip away the phony tinsel of Hollywood and you find the real tinsel underneath."

● Liz Taylor was found to be in excellent condition during a 24-hour medical checkup in Rome. The checkup was required by an insurance policy on her new film, The Taming of the Shrew.

● Haifa has a new Museum of Music housed in one of the city's oldest but most dignified houses, designed by Alexander Baerwald, an architect from the West. About 450 musical instruments are displayed on three floors. The exhibits are grouped according to continents and countries.

The collection was assembled over a period of years by the Museum's director, Moshe Gorali, a teacher, writer and editor of a periodical on music. Pride of the collection is the Asian instruments.

Some of the instruments, like the shofar (ram's horn), have remained unaltered through the centuries. There is a good representation of Arab instruments and Persian masterpieces adorned with ivory carvings and mosaics which must have taken the craftsmen months to execute. The museum has a complete orchestral set from Thailand, with instruments unique in shape and sound; precious pieces from India and Nepal; sets of Chinese and Japanese instruments.

From the Jewish viewpoint, some of the most important exhibits are the Friedman-Lvov archives for Jewish music, containing manuscripts, photographs and documents; a collection of autographs of famous musicians; a collection of paintings and reproductions on the subject of Jewish music; coins and medals. On the Greek coins, the god Apollo always is represented with his lyre, the Hebrew word for which is Kinnor, an instrument used throughout the ancient Mediterranean world and commemorated on Israel's 25 agora coins.

RETURNS HOME. - Paul Anka, 24-year-old boy wonder of the decade, who returns to sing in Canada after a ten-year sojourn throughout the world. The young, though seasoned, performer appears at Toronto's O'Keefe Center for one week, till Saturday, April 30th.

Theatre In Toronto

by BARBARA I. PEARL

HEDDA GABLER: AN INSIGHT

Hedda Gabler, now in its last week at the Crest, is a lesson in social mores.

When the play was presented for the first time at the turn of the century, the public may have looked askance at the boldness and revelation of a woman's soul. For Ibsen possessed the brilliance of being able to expose the essence of a woman's being.

The author must have gained sadistic pleasure by infusing Hedda Gabler with the venom of a bored housewife at a time when woman's emancipation in a world of men became a reality.

For weren't there the million-and-one things Hedda could have busied herself with besides attempting to alter the fate of others?

She wasn't contented in being just Mrs. Tesman; she had to rule the lives of former swains. It was difficult for her to be civil to her husband's family. She had to toy with the emotions of another human being.

And the price Hedda paid was inevitable. Since she could not control the destiny of others, she thought she had no recourse but to take her own life.

Human nature, however, is strange. The elements remain and, despite the progression of time, the same characteristics can be discerned today.

Marilyn Lightstone portrays a Hedda deceitful, brazen, arrogant, hateful — we love her. Douglas Marland makes an exact opposite, though one wonders how naive a husband can be. It is up to Brack, as enacted by Norman Welsh, to match Hedda in wit, fire and daring. Vanya Frank is delightful when she injects a bit of contrariness into timid Mrs. Elvsted.

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LNCHEON

A luncheon meeting of Etzion Chapter, Mizrachi Hapoel, Hamizrachi, was held recently at the home of Mrs. S. Waverman. Mrs. L. Rosenfield presided. Mrs. N. Shields, convenor of the ad book spoke about this year's project.

Mrs. A. Figdor and Mrs. S. Waverman form the committee for the entertainment of brides of members who will be married this summer.

Mrs. T. Price pulled the number of the winner of the two raffles held. First winner was Mrs. I. Reingewirtz; second, Mrs M. Balinsky.

Next meeting will be held Monday, May 2nd, at the home of Mrs. M. Balinsky.

FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS

A committee meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Levinter to finalize arrangements for the Twentieth Century Jewish Art Exhibition and Sale which will take place at Beth Tzedec the first week in May. Mrs. Fred Weinberg, chairman, discussed plans for the Monday evening appearance of Dr. Sholom O. Waife, grandson of Sholom Aleichem. Honorary patrons include: The Hon. J. Keiller Mackay and Mrs. McKay; The Hon. J. P. Robarts and Mrs Robarts; His Worship Mayor Philip Givens and Mrs. Givens; The Hon. Mr. Justice Bora Laskin and Mrs. Laskin; The Hon Mr. Justice Abraham Lieff and Mrs. Lieff; His Honor Judge Harry Waisberg and Mrs. Waisberg; Magistrate John L. Addison and Mrs. Addison; Mr. and Mrs Pierre Berton; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bregman; Mr. and Mrs Eric Estorick, London, England; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kaufman

YIDDISH POETESS IN TORONTO. - Bracha Kopstein, Yiddish poetess from Israel, who is now in Toronto for three months as part of an extended lecture tour of North America. Mrs. Kopstein, who lived in Toronto during the 1920's, moved to Israel with her family in 1949. Her time is devoted to writing, lecturing and broadcasting in Yiddish on Kol Yisroel, Israel's radio station.

TEA

Shaarei Shomayin Sisterhood will hold its annual spring tea on Wednesday, May 4th, at the home of Mrs. N. Lieberman. Tea convenor is Mrs. Marvin Donin; co-convenors, Mesdames Michael Bassin and Reuben Greenberg. Committee members are Mesdames Morris Alexandroff, Jennie Basser, Harry Donin, Irvin Franklin, Meyer Gasner, Irving Green, Louis Kernerman, Jack Miller, Saul Parnes, Murray Penwick, Nathan Reiber, Louis Rubin, Harry Schwartz, Julius Shapiro, Edward Shoot, Arthur Silverstein, Harry Skopitz, Edward Solish, Manny Spring, Nat Train, Bernard Waldman, Ted Waldman, Albert Yutman.

HELD TEA

Menorah Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel-Hamizrachi Women, held its annual spring tea recently at the home of Mrs. K. Harshman

A rummage sale was held April 25th.

The last meeting took place on Wednesday, April 27th, at the home of Mrs. A. Nagel.

MOTHERS-DAUGHTERS NIGHT

Beth El Sisterhood will hold its mothers-daughters night on Tuesday, May tenth, 8:30, in the synagogue. Installation of officers will take place. The program will feature the Hadassah Choir under the direction of Mrs. Paul Firestone. Beth El Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Irving Weinberg, also will perform.

MEETING

Recently Bruria Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, held a meeting. Mrs. J. U. Applebaum president, opened the meeting and welcomed members. Mesdames Goldfinger and Gertner became Mothers in Israel.

Annual tea was held Sunday, April 24th, at the home of Mrs. S. Feldman.

Farewell was extended to Mr and Mrs. H. J. Halberstadt who will vacation in Israel; Mrs. S. A. Abella presented Mrs. Halberstadt with a gift.

A raffle was won by Mrs. M. Weiner. Refreshments were served.

BINGO

Young Minsker Social Club will hold a bingo and card night Tuesday, May 3rd.

GENERAL MEET

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Grand Order of Israel, Lodge No. 2, held a general meeting recently at the home of Mrs. S. Griesman. Mrs. H. Berkan presided. J. Swartz, recording secretary, read the minutes

Donor Dinner will be held on June 1st.

Mrs. H. Greenspan, new member, was welcomed.

A kitchenware demonstration followed the meeting. Draw winners were Mesdames S. Griesman, J. Swartz, J. Brontman, M. Karp. Hostesses, Mesdames S. Griesman and E. Payess, served refreshments.

FASHION SHOW

The following participated last week at the spring fashion show at Holy Blossom, sponsored by Sisterhood: Mesdames Jennie Brodie, Nettie Danson, Gertrude Hands, Evelyn Ludwig, Selma Plaut, Elsie Ruffalman, Esther Volpe, Sadie Willinsky, Frances Biderman, Marilyn Farber, Sybil Rothschild; Messrs. Morris Cooper, Morley Pape, Lester Sugarman.

YOUTH ALIYAH TEA

The Book of Life and Aunts Tea for Youth Aliyah will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, at the home of Mrs. Morton Shulman. A fashion show stressing garb for swimming will be held.

Mrs. Gabriel Lourie, wife of the Israel Consul, will be guest of honor. She will receive guests with Mrs. Murray Clavie, Youth Aliyah coordinating chairman. Ima Pins will be presented as well as scholarship scrolls.

From Cleopatra To Now!

By MARY BOURNE

Should anyone imagine that the letters "B.C." stand for Before Cosmetics, let me dissillusion him.

The earliest barbarians discovered that the painting of face and body was provocative, and their multi-coloured crude daubings were the first stumbling steps towards the highly developed science and industry of cosmetics as we know it today.

The most uninformed historian is aware that Queen Jezebel was the original painted lady, with Cleopatra a very close runner-up for the title. Had either of these ladies lived today, in less exalted state, they would doubtless have founded a great cosmetic empire.

Cleopatra achieved a completely original eye effect by painting her brows and lashes black, her lids blue-black, and her lower lids green. I wonder how many modern teenagers who slavishly emulate her realise that it is Cleopatra and not Elizabeth Taylor who inspired them?

Egyptologits have discovered perfumery stores which would not have disgraced a Rubenstein salon today. The upper crust of ancient Nilotic society decided that their climate did not lend itself to elaborate clothing, so their women were encouraged to gild their nipples as well as to adorn their faces. Today this particular form of body embellishment has become socially downgraded, but is still enthusiastically practised in night-clubs all over the world.

Plato spoke disparagingly of the overpainted women of Ancient Greece, and Pliny described the making of rouge from a Syrian root and the fabrication of other cosmetics. Pliny also describes in his "Natural History" the exotic scents from Mendes, in Egypt, and Delos, saffron from Cilicia, marjoram from Cos, swordlily from Cyprus. From Cyprus also came the famous Chypre perfume, of which the modern version is only a rediscovery.

It seems unfair to disparage or condemn our long-haired bizarrely clad modern youth, for in 3000 B.C.E. in-type gentlemen used cosmetics copiously and even women's clothing on the grounds that it was more beautiful than men's. Among the early Iroquois tribes fans were a male prerogative, beautiful perfumed objects, they were woven of grass and bird feathers, often those of the Meleagris Gallipavo (Wild Turkey), a much more colourful fowl than its "born-to-die" British relative.

Biblical beauties

In King Solomon's day men went so far as to adorn their beards with pendants, as were discovered in the ancient village of Beth Shemesh. Together with these masculine baubles were discovered rich gold earrings, anklets and bracelets worn by the lovely Jewesses of that era. Centuries later the prophet Isaiah prophesied woe for the daughters of Zion, saying "....the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments...."

The contemporary craze for wigs and hairpieces is not at all unique, for as long as 2,0000 years ago the Roman poet Lucullus describes how one high-born lady, Mycilla, was slandered for dyeing her hair black. He defends her by pointing out that it was but a black wig she wore. In general, light hair was preferred, though yellow blonde was worn only by prostitutes.

Ovid might have been writing for any Woman's Page when he remarked that good looks come only with care and die if neglected. Ovid also advised Roman blondes to wear black and brunettes to don white, which shows what a lot he and Mary Quant would have had in common.

He also told the girls not to worry if their hair began to go grey, but simply use hair dye or buy a wig and start a new fashion. He further assured the contemporary modern miss that if healthy blood did not colour her cheeks rouge would. Showing prophetic insight, Ovid said further that should a girl's eyebrows look moth-eaten, she should glue on fresh ones!

The baleful poet, Martial, castigated the fair sex for coveting themselves with nasty skin foods, such as Nero's Poppea used, which stuck, said he, to her unhappy husband's lips. Hardly less revolting was the Elizabethan cult of mixing egg-white with gum-arabic and fig-milk for use as a lip-salve. It sounds more suitable as a cure for gossips than a beautifying agent!

And how about this footnote to beauty therapy in the Dark Ages! St. Clement remarked of both empress and strumpet "...do they not deserve to perish who anoint themselves with crocodile excrement, stain their eyebrows with soot and rub their cheeks with white lead...."

The use of crocodile dung persisted for many years, for it was supposed to rejuvenate the old and wrinkled. England fortunately escaped this macabre fashion, probably due to the shortage of crocodiles.

In our time personal freshness is as important as the illusion of beauty. Not until the seventeenth century was this aspect of a lady's toilette considered. The early treatment of odour was to efface it with one even stronger.

Musk and ambergris

At last, however, it was advised that bathwater might be perfumed with jasmine, bay, roses, citron, orange flowers, rosemary, lavender, mint, pennyroyal, six drops of oil of spike, five grains of musk, ambergris and asa. My lady must have smelled more like a medieval stew than a "fayre lady!"

Cleopatra, of course, was excessively bath-conscious, but ass's milk must be assumed to have been generally in shorter supply than even water.

Before the Restoration, Puritan austerity almost put paid to the cosmetic industry. Not quite though, for women could never quite forgo the morale-boosting effect of cosmetics, nor men, while condemning them, to succumb to the charms they induced or assisted.

Any modern miss or madam, wearied of the high cost of beauty, might do well to refer to Nicholas Culpeper's treatise on the beautifying powers of wild flowers. And any teenager suffering parental censure for her unnatural attractions might well retaliate in the immortal words of Samuel Butler, who said of contemporary girls of the seventeenth century, "Not ten among a thousand weare their own complexion nor their haire".

From barbarians to twentieth century it has always been natural for women, and men too, for that matter, to give Mother Nature a helping hand. And even if one wonders from time to time if Nature couldn't manage just as well on her own, it seems perfectly obvious that she'll never be given the chance.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHEESE CAKE WITH ALMOND CRUST

¾ of one package zweiback
½ cup toasted almonds
4 tablespoons butter, melted
1 large and one small package (11 oz.) cream cheese, at room temperature
2 raw eggs
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sour cream

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Crush, grind or blend the zweiback and almonds. Place them in a mixing bowl and add the butter. Spread over bottom and sides of a nine-inch pie-plate and pat well to make a crust.

Cream the cheese in a mixer and add the eggs one at a time while beating. Add half the sugar and half the vanilla and, when well blended, spoon the filling into the prepared crust. Bake 20 minutes and reduce the heat to 275. Bake five minutes longer.

Blend the sour cream with the remaining sugar and vanilla and spread over the pie. Serve warm or chilled. Yield: six servings.

KEEP SMILING

NOTEWORTHY

Mark Twain — the American Sholem Aleichem—once resolved:

"I'm going to live within my income this year even if I have to borrow money to do it."

ANTIDOTE

A lady of distinction was out walking one afternoon when she met a doctor-friend who evidently had been out for a few hours of sport since he carried a gun under his arm.

"Ah, doctor," asked the witty lady, "a precautionary measure in case your treatment fails?"

LIKENED UNTO WHOM?

"Now, gentlemen," said the host to a group of his companions one evening, "are we to drink like men or like beasts?"

"Like men, of course," was the unanimous reply.

"Then we are going to get roaring drunk," replied the host, "for beasts never drink more than they want".

CHEERS

A comedian once was approached by a nobleman notorious for his habitual drunkenness.

Said the nobleman, "I'm going to a masquerade this evening and I wonder if you could suggest a disguise?"

"Suppose you go sober, my lord," replied the comedian.

FAMOUS WORDS, OR HOW DO YOU COPE?

By Ruthie

"Wait, wait," Mama used to say, "wait till you grow up and have children of your own and they give you the same thanks you give me."

And you wonder, "Now, what did I do?"

God helps, you grow up and one day you find yourself saying,

"I only hope your kids are just like you."

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"But you never trained us!" That utterance is made when you protest because, maybe, your brood won't eat vegetables.

You never trained them! Why, they were brought up on it. A fortune you spent on jars of strained peas, carrots, beans, spinach, beets. Then chopped. And they have the gall to say you never trained them.

Huh, if they saw a floating string of onion, they thought you were poisoning them. And some seeds from a cooked tomato made them think they were seeing ants. So what were you going to do? Fight? Who's got strength? You figured, you'll leave out tomatoes and onions; there are plenty of other things to eat. And you never trained them!

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"Ma, please, not so loud. The neighbors . . ."

That's because you're singing — at least, that's what you call it.

What's the matter, you have no right to sing anymore? Must you always yell? If you're happy once in a blue moon, you can't sing?

The neighbors. Better they should hear you sing than fight, no?

They don't let you live anymore.

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"I never spoke like that to my mother."

Oh, no. Maybe you forgot. Ask her. Anyway, that should shut you up for awhile.

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"Do you want me to contaminate myself?" That's one answer you can expect when you ask one of your youngsters to take out the garbage.

You raise your hands skyward and plead, "How much longer? Where is there a *yuld* (dope) who'll take her off my hands?"

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"Ma, you're always inspecting."

That's when Mama comes to see you. And when she visits, you should know every corner, every cupboard, every drawer gets a once-over. She doesn't mean to snoop. She only wants you should learn to be efficient.

You anticipate what she'll say so, before she can open her mouth, you're on the defensive.

"Look, Ma, I know you mean well. But I waited a long time to have my own home. I'm over twenty-one. I'll do things my way."

Mama remains steadfast. "But isn't it better to clear off the table and do the dishes right away? Then you can sit and enjoy."

"Mama dear," you look her straight in the eye and try to control yourself, "the dishes won't run away. They'll be waiting for me. I like to relax after I eat."

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Then your turn comes. You have a married daughter. You go visiting.

"You let the baby jump on your best sofa?"

So how many sofas do I have? You think I want him to grow up frustrated? You never let me do anything."

So what do you do? Answer? It wouldn't help. The only one who has satisfaction is Mama — she predicted it.

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"It's awful to be the oldest. You have to do all the work, you have to set an example, you have to have more sense . . ."

"Why must I be the youngest? Everybody picks on me, everybody calls me the baby, I get bossed around, I can't go anyplace myself . . ."

"Why do I have to be the middle one? I get most of the hand-me-downs because they're still too good to throw away, I have to mind the baby . . ."

And you have to listen to all the complaints. Just have courage. This too will pass.

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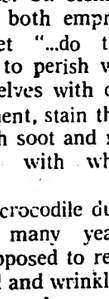

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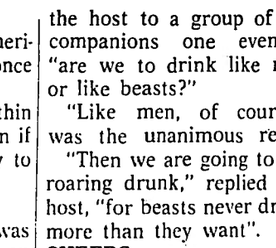

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WHAT FUTURE?

OUR JEWISH PRESS

There is no denying the paramount fact that the Jewish press in North America is going through a serious crisis. It is affected both by the general difficulties faced by newspapers because of the enormous rise in production costs and by its own peculiar problems.

At this point, we wish to make clear that we speak of Jewish publications in English which is today the language of the vast majority of our North American community.

The Yiddish press never was a Jewish press in the sense that it dealt exclusively with the Jewish community and Jewish affairs. It was, and remains to this day, a general press for those whose language is Yiddish and, of course, with a special interpretation of Jewish events. But because of the linguistic assimilation of the majority of Jews on this continent, this press in Yiddish which played an enormous role as a molder of public opinion now is relegated to the same position in which the subsidized community papers in English are finding themselves: total dependence upon the do-gooders and their organizations.

It was expected that a Jewish press in English would take over where the Yiddish press could not perform its mission anymore. Yet the majority of English Jewish newspapers thus far has failed to fulfill these expectations. Why?

First, it is the quality of the newspapers that is behind this lack of general interest in a Jewish newspaper. While, in its heyday, the Yiddish press had talented, professional newspapermen, editors and writers, most of the Anglo-Jewish papers were launched by third rate journalists.

While there are many areas of commerce and industry in North America closed to the Jew, the newspaper publishing business never discriminated against professionals because of their Jewish origin. In fact, it is known that the late William Randolph Hurst had a favorable prejudice for journalists of Jewish origin. There has been, and there still is, a great proportion of Jewish writers in the Hurst syndicate. The same can be said of other publishers with a few exceptions. Thus those native born and North American-educated Jews who aspired to become journalists rarely faced the necessity of creating journalistic outlets for Jews only.

In fact, the American Jewish writer and journalist belong to the most assimilated and most cosmopolitan group within the Jewish community, as does the artist both in the theater and film industry and in fine arts.

So who remained to create Jewish newspapers in English?

With but few exceptions of those who were qualified by background, conviction, dedication to the Jewish way of life, to Torah, to tradition, most of the publishers in the Anglo-Jewish press were known for their complete ignorance of Judaism. They absorbed a few cliches about Zionism, discovered a curious clientele among some semi-serious rabbis and completely cynical "leaders" for whom the picture in the Anglo-Jewish newspaper or the report of any nonsense in order to glorify the customer became an entree card into the fourth estate.

Years ago, when the Yiddish newspapers were flourishing, Anglo-Jewish papers never were opened in these offices. The editors and writers knew in advance what they would find in these publications. There was only contempt for those who became molders of Jewish public opinion when they should have been truck drivers, barbers or office clerks.

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Some day when the history will be written of the Jewish inactivity and complete social paralysis regarding the holocaust, it may be discovered that the attitude of some Jewish press organs which always supported the Establishment in its business as usual was not less responsible for the calamity than was the attitude of the Vatican.

There never had been any initiative in this area. Whenever a group of Jews or non-Jews in North America made an effort to mobilize public opinion to have the Jews in Europe declared prisoners of war, whenever the role of the Red Cross was questioned — all that the majority of these press organs did was print banality as statements from the leaders.

These leaders, always jealous of their authority, never questioned their respective governments in the free world about what was being done to save the Jews from Hitler's fortress Europe; but they did attack the "unrepresentative" character of those demanding action.

In even the best Anglo-Jewish newspaper, the London Jewish Chronicle, its greatest editor, Ivan Greenberg (who died several weeks ago), was forced to resign from the post held before him by his famous father because he attacked the Establishment and questioned the policy of the British wartime government vis-a-vis the Jews of Europe.

Today, after twenty-one years, would it not be opportune to investigate the role of Jewish organizations during World War II? Why should only the Pope be discussed? Would it not be relevant to obtain exact figures as to how many Jews were extricated from Hitler's hell by the Canadian Jewish Congress or the American Jewish Congress? How many of their press satellites did demand effective action — or were they as "loyal" to the inactivity of the Establishment as they unquestioningly applaud today every nonsense uttered by people who control certain organizations?

It would be interesting to reprint what they had said and done — what they had said, for example, about the Jewish situation in Russia following the Stalin-Hitler pact; how they had reacted when the late, tragic Ben Hecht had appealed for a movement similar to the one led today by the Negroes, a movement without inhibitions that would have placed before the public the issue squarely and honestly.

Today Dr. Nahum Goldmann admits the errors of policy. Yet we should like to see some criticism by these loyal to the Establishment in their press about the role of the World Jewish Congress during wartime. And if they were silent then, what is their background today?

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This newspaper has been informed upon many an occasion that it does not cooperate with the Establishment. It admits this sin — without atonement.

A newspaper does not "cooperate" with any professionals or civil servants to cover up inadequacy, errors or crimes in public life. It reveals them in order to help make the society which it serves a better one.

In our Jewish society, too many organizations have been attuned to a press where they can wave the dollar bill as blackmail in order to make a publication cooperate; we have seen it throughout the entire continent. This is why some independent publications were forced to turn over their apparatus to organizations.

Thank goodness, in this community this newspaper refuses to be intimidated. It will not determine its editorial policy by the budgetary zig-zag of leaders or organizations. Herein this newspaper has proven its strength. For the reader has sensed, from its beginning, the passion for true service to the community, dedication to Jewish survival, subservience to true Judaism.

In this crisis of the press, we believe firmly that only the true newspaper — unafraid, competent to judge Jewish issues — will remain an independent organ of public opinion within the community. The others also may exist — as receptacles of the wastepaper basket from the editorial offices of honest newspapers.

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Reb Abraham Mordecai Alter of Ger, Hasidic Rebbe in pre-war Poland, said:

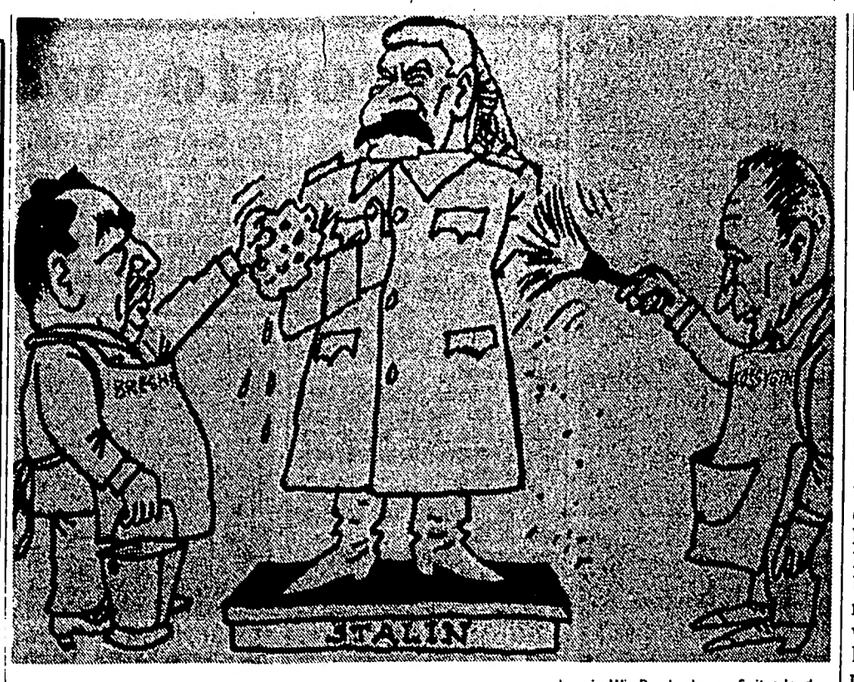
"The role of the press is the role of **Havdala** — of separating the holy from the unholy, the truth from the untruth. Too many people these days make **kiddush**, sanctify things and objects; however too few make the distinction between the sacred and the profane."

Had some would-be publishers in the Jewish press been able to read these words of the late Gerer Rebbe as they appear in his collected Hebrew writings, perhaps today the majority of Jewish press organs truly would influence the march of Jewish history, not be publicity throwaways for idols.

In Jewish history, from the time of Sinai when we became the People of Torah until this very day, two trends are noticeable: one, that of veritable, genuine, sterling dedication to truth and true religion; the other, the Golden Calf.

The Jewish press, in order to survive, must decide whether it will continue saying about the Golden Calf, "This is thy god, Israel," or whether it will serve the invisible God, Him whose bounty may not be noticeable immediately nor the recompense at hand.

The Golden Calf servitude caused us six million. Only a thorough re-examination of Jewish values, Jewish organizations, Jewish public opinion-organs will prevent a new calamity. Let those who love the Golden Calf serve it; we shall remain loyal to the essence of the only true faith.



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"Dusting"

"The problem is not how to rehabilitate Stalin but how to rehabilitate the time in which he ruled."

Enjoyed Mickey Marcus Story

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the commentary on Mickey Marcus (The Canadian Jewish News, April 15th). It is most unfortunate that such an unselfish supporter of Israel should have met such an unusual and untimely death.

My purpose in writing this letter is to point out that, on the occasion of the eighteenth anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, it might be known that Toronto made a similar contribution to the War of Liberation in Israel. Major Ben Dunkelman, Toronto born and bred, after winning the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery in Europe against the Germans, threw in his lot with the struggling Israeli army and was an important factor as commander of the army of the north, winning for Israel the greater portion of the present Gallilee. It may be recalled that Toronto, at that time, featured in newspapers photographs of Major Dunkelman accepting the surrender of the Arab armies in Nazareth.

Unlike Mickey Marcus, Ben was raised in a Zionist family and proved to be a worthy son of his late mother, Rose, who was one of Canada's most forceful and efficient Zionist leaders.

HENRY S. ROSENBERG, Q.C.
Toronto

Objects To Ad About Synagogue

Dear Editor:

In The Canadian Jewish News, dated April 15th, I object to the wording of the advertisement about the closing of the Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

It's fine for news about the Bais Yehuda to be inserted first in the Toronto Synagogue News column, but this column is nothing more than a listing of names of new synagogue members. Why couldn't that space have been used more usefully by outlining the plight of those who fought to save the Talmud Torah and shul against those who "sold out 'Yiddishkeit?'" They didn't care about the synagogue when they amalgamated; they thought they would be placed eventually on the Beth Emeth executive board. Instead they have no say even though the Bais Yehuda paid for the new sanctuary.

Within a few years the Beth Emeth could drop the name Bais Yehuda thereby forgetting about all the scholars the Bais Yehuda Talmud Torah produced under fine and capable teachers.

Toronto **Arnold Perel**

POETS OF THE HOLOCAUST

By M. STERN

Although more than 20 years separate us from the Second World War its horrors continue, as they must for many years yet, to haunt the imaginations of creative men. The Holocaust literary monument perhaps started with the "Battle Hymn" of the young partisan, Hirsh Glick, a former member of the famous "Young Vilno" group of pre-war Yiddish writers who was killed in a skirmish with the enemy.

The simple rhythmic lines of the poem, sung to the melody of a Russian folksong, convey a pathos which lit up sparks of hope in the dark forests of Eastern Europe:*

Never say this is the last way,
Though leaden skies screen the light of day,
The hour we long for at last will appear,
Our tread will thunder — we are here!

With a stretch of imagination we can see the hungry, weary, poorly armed partisans returning to camp after a daring act of sabotage and warming their desperate souls with these hope-giving lines.

Abraham Sutzkever, who was active in the same woods surrounding Vilno, compares his beloved and cultured city battling against the Huns to Old Jerusalem fighting heroically against the Romans:

Those who saw in the Ghetto
Jews with bullets and cannon balls,
Saw Jerusalem struggling,
Saw the fall of granite walls.

But the Germans of 1940-45 did not observe the rules of war which the Romans, under the command of Titus and Severus, did.

The victorious Romans made the Judean prisoners march under Rome's arches of blue sky, while the Teutons did away with every man, woman and child in the most atrocious way, and sent their clothes, shoes and toys to Vienna and Berlin. This is how the poet-partisan reacts in "A Car-load of Shoes":

The heels go tapping
With a clatter and din
From our old Vilno street,
They drive us to Berlin.

I shouldn't ask questions
But my heart misses a beat.
Here are the shoes,
But where are the feet?

While soldiers and partisan-writers fought the enemy, other writers living in security far away from conquered Europe responded with Jeremaic lamentations.

The names of beloved cities — Bialystok, Warsaw, Riga and Cracow — were not cold abstractions to them, but places of nostalgia and inspiration, which they bore in their hearts even as they lived their uprooted immigrant lives in a strange world and culture.

They were familiar with the towns and the synagogues which had gone up in flames and the people slaughtered.

Guilt and despair were the leitmotives in most of their writings, as we see in this poem of the late, great American-Yiddish writer, H. Leivick:

I should have died with you,
But I found dying too hard
Now I do everything to hide with colour
The convulsions of my body and word.

Hebrew writers in the Palestinian Yishuv, hardened by years of skirmishes with the Arabs, brought up in an atmosphere of courage and heroism, answered with anger a desire for revenge.

The poet Yaacov Kahan, in "Song of Iron" **(Shir Habarzel)**, warns "that we shall be as hard as iron to an iron-hard world".

The heroine, Hannah Seneh, lit up a flame of patriotism with her symbolic poem, "Blessed is the Match", before she parachuted into enemy territory in Yugoslavia and died a martyr's death.

Members of the Jewish Brigade and Hagana, city dwellers and kibbutzniks, drew inspiration from the **Gafrur** (Match) which she ably kindled with her poetic hand:

Happy the match consumed kindling a flame,
Happy the flame burning in the hidden depths of hearts....

When the war came to an end and newsreels and newspapers uncovered to a shocked world the grim realities of Auschwitz and Buchenwald and other murder factories, books of the Jewish plight under German occupation began to appear, but few of them were in English.

Publishers were uncertain whether readers would be interested in the sadism of camp guards and in the suffering of their victims that has no parallel in history.

Soon, however, names like Anne Frank, John Hersey, Manes Sperber, Andre Schwartzbart, Alexander Donat and, more recently, Janina David became known to thousands of readers.

There is no doubt that of all the Holocaust writings the Diary of the 14-year-old Anne Frank, who was sold to the Gestapo by Dutch Quislings, and Hochhuth's play, "The Silent Deputy" (or "The Representative") shook the world's conscience and helped to bring the Vatican's Declaration on Jews.

That the Holocaust literature takes a national and historical place of utmost importance is beyond any doubt. But what is still lacking is a well-written prose account of experiences by a former Jewish soldier or guerrilla fighter who met the enemy face to face in combat.

No fewer than 1,250.000 Jewish soldiers fought in Allied ranks, while thousands of others engaged in guerrilla warfare behind the enemy lines.

A people cannot live forever on lamentations and tears. After the punitive Isaiah I, came the soothing, hope-bringing Isaiah II. The people long for consolation and self-assurance.

* Poems taken from J. Leftwich's translations of Yiddish poetry — "The Golden Peacock".

SPAIN, RUSSIA EDGE TOWARDS PEACE

MADRID—For many years the bitterest of enemies, Franco Spain and Communist Russia today are quietly edging toward peaceful coexitence. They have no diplomatic ties but the way things are going it's just a matter of time before this lack is remedied, as was explained to the Jerusalem Post.

Arrangements are being made for Soviet tourists to visit Spain and vice versa. This month two ranking Russian travel experts were in Madrid: Georgi Zverev, a director of the Intourist travel bureau in Moscow, and Sergei Zaprometov who heads the Intourist office in Paris. After being wined and dined in the Spanish capital and shown the sights, they went on to the island of Majorca for more of the same.

The visit by the two Soviet officials is expected to result in the exchange next year of some 25,000 Spanish and Soviet tourists. Soviet cruise ships will stop off at Majorca.

Cultural Exchange

On the cultural front the way is now open for some of the best talent of both countries to head east and west. Spanish movie star Sarita Montiel is scheduled to go to Moscow and Leningrad, Bucharest, Sofia, Warsaw and Belgrade to do television shows. Antonio's famed Spanish ballet will tour Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa this summer. The ballet of Galina Ulanova will perform in Barcelona and Madrid in the autumn.

The Russian colour film of the Cervantes classic, Don Quixote, will be shown at last in Spanish movie theatres, a concession by General Franco's Spain that is regarded by many as most remarkable.

The wish for a better understanding with Moscow was stressed recently by Foreign Minister Fernando Maria Castiella. In a statement prepared for a West Berlin television station he said:

"Although we always are on guard against the enemies who attacked our country savagely we also understand that situations evolve. Our anti-communism is a shield which protects us from communism's aims of using subversion as an international political weapon and interfering in the internal affairs of others states. But it goes no further than that, for the Spaniard is aware of the new winds of history and welcomes every sincere effort for coexistence."

Spain's reiterated insistence that she has no wish to belong to Nato and her prohibition of fights over her territory to and from Gibraltar by military planes of the Nato powers certainly have helped things along as far as Soviet-Spanish relations are concerned.

Castiella also said in his Berlin TV statement: "The North Atlantic Organization was created because of the need to erect a military barrier against the concrete threat arising from the expansionist policy of Stalanism . . . But today ,with the passing of time, the Atlantic alliance is perhaps not exempt from criticism . . ."

Not NATO Member

Spain is not a member of Nato. North European members of the alliance are hostile to the idea of Spanish participation because of Franco's wartime association with Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. The Spanish Blue Division fought on the Russian front alongside the Wehrmacht, a limited participation in World War II justified here because of the active assistance given by the Soviets to the opponents of Franco's Nationalists in the Spanish civil war.

Madrid diplomats incline to the belief that the current trend toward friendlier relations between Spain and the Soviet Union explains why the Russians have not raised more of a stir over the accidental dropping of four American unarmed H-bombs on the Spanish coast last January. The treatment of the incident by Communist broadcasts to Spain is judged by observers to have been surprisingly restrained.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

CALL TO HOLINESS

Be ye holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. (Leviticus XIX, 2)

What do we commonly understand by holiness, and what is expected of man that he may attain such a state?

To the average person it implies separation, lack of contact with the normal affairs of men. A holy man is one who lives apart and assumes almost a monastic existence. He separates himself from the society of men in order to devote his thoughts and his energies to those pursuits which have no direct contact with society.

We thus picture to ourselves an anti-social person who feels the burdens of this world as an encumbrance, who prefers to avoid the pleasures of this world in order to concentrate on the things of the spirit.

Such a type of holiness might be inferred from a Midrashic interpretation of the Biblical injunction to be holy which states, "Ye shall be holy" means "Be separate" remote, do not come into contact with temptation.

Fortunately, this is not a generally accepted principle in Judaism. Judaism is a wise, rational and sensible religion which does not demand excesses of its adherents. No people can be expected to live in a constant state of self-denial. On the contrary, it is worthy of note that Judaism expressly states that life should be enjoyed to the full and that all good things of the world are available for man's pleasure.

Whilst demanding holiness from its adherents, Judaism requires that such a state be self-imposed through the medium of knowing the method of living. Possibly, the best example from Rabbinic literature to illustrate this concept is the statement, "Sanctify thyself in that which is permitted to thee".

The pleasures of the body are granted to man, but there must be no excess. He may enjoy the physical appetites, but in so doing, should not degrade himself to the level of the brute. This is no holiness.

Judaism encourages marriage and abhors celibacy, but there are marriage regulations which set a seal of sanctity upon Jewish domestic life. The blessings of nature's rich gifts are man's to enjoy, but as he partakes of them, he should realise that the satisfaction of his appetite must be limited. This, too, is holiness.

The world and its contents are presented to man, but he should always be aware that he is not the master of the universe and that a power greater than his governs its motion. This consciousness of a supreme power is a spur to holiness. Man has been made the medium for the reproduction of life and the species, but he has to realise that this is a privilege and that birth and parenthood are a unique expression of a God-given fortune. His awareness of this status which he enjoys may lead to holiness.

Man has been given the opportunity to display that he is a child of God, born in the image of his Maker. When, by his action, he reveals that he keeps this in the forefront of his mind, he approaches the state of holiness. By following such a path of behaviour, we acknowledge our realisation that we, in fact, imitate God by following the pattern which has been set for us.

In the language of the Rabbis, it is the art of "comparing the creature to the creator". When the created being displays his acceptance of the greatness of Him who called him into being, and asserts by his action that he adopts a special design for living, he is, in fact, setting out on the path which leads ultimately to holiness.

NEW ISRAEL IMEDICAL CLINIC PATTERNED TO MAYO IN U.S.

TEL AVIV—A large private medical clinic with the highest possible standards, patterned somewhat after the Mayo Clinic in the U.S., will be opened here within two years, Dr. Reuven Merenfeld, president of the World Council for the Israel-American Medical Centre (ISAMEC) stated here at a press conference last week.

Dr. Merenfeld, founder and director of the Diagnostic Institute of Venezuela, which has a staff of 60 doctors, added that 38 per cent of the $2 million needed for the project already had been raised from '100 participants in 16 countries." the building, to rise at the corner of Rehov Rishpon and the Haifa Road, north of the Yarkon, will be seven stories high and have, in addition to its other facilities, a hospital consisting of 40 one-bed rooms and 40 two-bed rooms. The cornerstone will be laid shortly.

Dr. Merenfeld stressed that the Centre would "complement existing medical work being done in Israel, not compete with it." He said that the main health organizations, such as Kupat Holim, had welcomed the project.

The Centre's clinic will offer a "check-up" service which will provide a thorough examination within 48-96 hours. Its other departments will be similar to those of any large hospital.

The clinic and hospital will be manned by a staff of doctors employed on a permanent basis. In addition, the Centre will rent offices to prominent doctors, from Israel and abroad, to be used for consultations.

"It is our aim that distinguished foreign physicians visiting Israel will be able to rent an office for short periods, of three to six months, where they can practice medicine. Thus, the skills of leading foreign specialists can be tapped by Israelis."

The patients also are expected to be drawn from the tourist trade and from abroad. They will be charged either a fixed monthly sum, or a fee for each visit. The fees will be fixed by the Centre.

The pay and work conditions of the doctors are being worked out by a local committee. Mr. Robert Aharon is the local chairman of ISAMEC.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Bad Companions

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION: I'm 16 and I have wonderful parents with whom I am pretty close. I have always stayed with a good group of kids for about a year, and then I find others.

My problems is that the boys I now hang around with are the type no parents would want their daughter to associate with.

The other night I had a party and all the boys got drunk. When they left I found all my records gone, as well as a bottle of my father's liquor. Although I know who took the liquor I cannot tell since the person who told me would get into trouble if it was discovered.

I know that if my parents found out, they would be extremely disappointed in me, and I would most probably get severely punished for associating with such fellows.

Another thing is that they are of a different religion, and my parents have disciplined me for this several times.

How do I cope with my problem? Should I continue seeing these boys?

ANSWER: By the kind of people she chooses to associate with, a person tells what she thinks of herself. When she associates with a group which she basically considers inferior to herself, she gets the feeling of superiority she wants.

When parents point out that such a group is not good enough for her, the youngster rises valiantly to their defense and accuses her parents of socio-economic, religious or racial discrimination. By pointing out her parents' so-called "false values," she again gets a superior feeling and avoids facing the weakness in her own values.

Sometimes she assumes the position of a social worker who looks after people in need by being kind to them and associating with them. Having more of the material things of life from her parents than the other youngsters also gives her a certain spurious positon of superiority. She criticizes her parents for attaching so much importance to money, but uses it herself to gain the status she wants.

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The kind of social wandering that you are doing seems to be a call for help. You want your parents to step in and set limits for you. Consciously you may rebel against supervision and discipline, but deep down, that seems to be what you are really asking for. You are pleading that it come quickly and before you get into trouble.

Parents should be around when their adolescent children have boy-girl parties. Youngsters cannot control their own peers and too often take the absence of parents as implicit permission to do anything they want. Serving hard liquor to youngsters your age at any time, but especially when there are no adults around to exercise supervision, is a questionable procedure.

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There is no question that you should break off with this crowd. Admit to yourself that you did not choose well when you chose to go with them. By the age of 16, a girl should begin to socialize more on her own, on double or triple dates with a girl friend or two. It should no longer be necessary to travel in a crowd.

Your contacts with youngsters your own age should be made at school, at religious and community centers, or in volunteer work for causes.

Tell your parents that you need their presence more than their presents. You will then feel more protected and they will be more secure when they exercise their loving authority.

ESHKOL CHAIRS A.E.C.

JERUSALEM — Levi Eshkol, Israeli Premier, has assumed the chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Commission, which will no longer be under the sole control of the Defence Ministry as in the past. It will, in future, be subject to control by the Cabinet and a Knesset committee.

Projects like the proposed desalination plant will come under the Prime Minister's Office.

The new 15-member commission includes such outstanding scientists as Professor Israel Dostrovsky, Professor Ephraim Katchalski, Professor Yuval Neeman, Professor Yigal Talmi and Professor Prywes. A number of leading executives of Government companies are also included.

The former Deputy Minister of Defence, Shimon Peres, who is the head of Ben-Gurion's Rafi party, charged that Professor Ernst Bergmann had been eliminated from the commission chairmanship in a "political purge."

SPECIAL CASE

NEW YORK, (JCNS) — The New York City administration is hoping to push a special bill through Congress granting citizenship to 31-year-old Israeli Air Force veteran, Dr. Hachman Bench, who was appointed Deputy City Administrator, one of the highest posts in Mayor Lindsay's administration. Normally Bench, whose wife is an American, would be required to wait three years for citizenship before being able to take up this $20,000 post.

SYRIA SEES WAR

HOMS, Central Syria — Syria's Head of State, Dr. Nueddin al-Atassi warned that no peace and stability would be maintained in the Middle East so long as Isreal exists.

Dr. Atassi was making an opening speech at a military parade here marking the 21st anniversary of the French evacuation from Syria.

He condemned the Arab summit conference as a means to "evade the responsibility of Palestine liberation."

He said that a "popular pan-Arab war is the only course for the liberation of Palestine and destruction of imperialist plans and alliances."

He added that there would be no peace or stability in the Middle East "so long as there is a usurped Arab land, a displaced people and a basis for imperialist monopoly and exploitation."

JUDGE ACCUSED OF BRIBERY

TEL AVIV (JCNS) — A member of the Tel Aviv District Court bench, Judge Eliezer Malchi, has taken leave pending investigations by the Attorney General into an accusation by a woman lawyer that he had accepted a bribe from her. Miss Yona Soffer, who practises law in Haifa, wrote to the Ministry of Justice, with copies to the daily press, that she had paid Judge Malchi $1,000 to reduce the sentence on a client found guilty of fraudulent bankruptcy. The alleged transaction took place some three years ago. Miss Soffer included it in a list of accusations against a number of persons in public positions.

Judge Malchi has denied the charge. He was one of three judges who tried Miss Soffer's client, Shlomo Wankert. She claims that one of the payments was made in the presence of a person named Rozner. The police had difficulty in tracing him, as he had since emigrated to Germany. They finally found him in New York, and a senior police official returned to Israel on the eve of Pesach with his testimony.

Judge Malchi (Saltzmann), who obtained his LL.B. at University College, London, and qualified for the bar at Middle Temple, was born in Jerusalem 59 years ago. He has been on the District Court bench since 1952 and is also Reader in English Law at the Hebrew University's Tel Aviv branch, and has written and translated law text books.

Miss Soffer has for many years alleged persecution at the hands of the authorities. Hers is the first such accusation ever leveled against a member of the Israel judiciary.

PICKED IN MIKVE

BNEI BRAK — A man recently complained to police that diamonds valued at IL 2,200 were stolen from his pants pocket. His pants were hanging in a locker room while he bathed in a local mikve ritualarium.

NEW PLANS FOR E.E.C. RELATIONS

The Government group dealing with relations with the Common Market yesterday summed up a plan of action aimed at securing some kind of comprehensive arrangement to replace the more limited one concluded two years ago and due to expire in a year's time. Prime Minister Eshkol presided at the second and final session. Attending were the ambassadors to Paris, Bonn and Brussels; the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Commerce, and Agriculture; the Governor of the Bank of Israel; and the directors-general of the ministries concerned.

Guide-lines were laid down for the envoys accredited to the Six capitals.

In immediate practical terms, the sought-for overall agreement would mean a greater reduction in the Market's protectionist tariffs on imports from this country. The political implications, however, are regarded as no less important and in particular the fact that some Arab states are also seeking some form of integration with the E.E.C.

Negotiations on new agreements with the E.E.C. are expected to be held with the Maghreb countries, Tunisia, Morocco, and Algeria, later this year. These countries already enjoy some preferential treatment by virtue of their past connection with France. Israel's case now is that if the Market "goes south," Israel merits equality and cannot be left behind.

ABIE COLDSHOULDERED

PARIS, (JCNS) — The Israeli "peace pilot", Abie Nathan, was refused admittance to Tunisia last Wednesday when he arrived there from Paris in an attempt to meet President Habib Bourguiba.

Mr. Nathan returned to France an hour later and told news papermen that he planned to fly to Moscow on Sunday.

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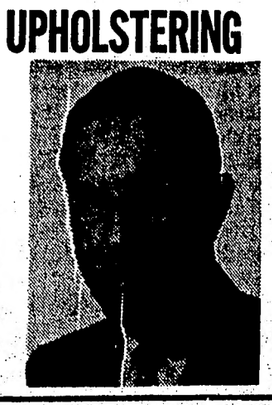

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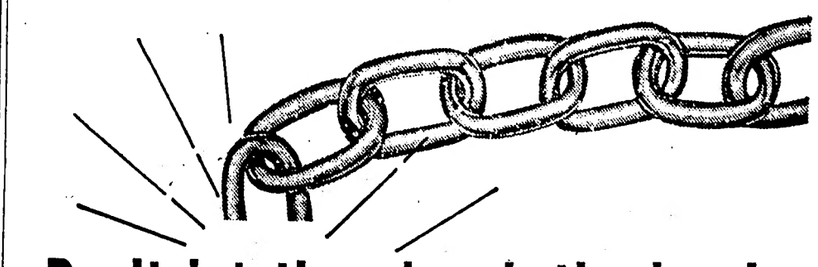

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PANCER, Jennie. On April 22nd, late of 840 Eglinton Ave. W.
POLSKY, Abe. On April 22nd, late of 253 Palmerston Ave.
ROSEN, Benjamin. On April 18th, late of 21 Mayfair Ave.
SCHARB, Louis. On April 24th, late of Jewish Home for the Aged.
SHADLEFSKY' David. On April 21st, late of 54 Oxford Street.
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JOINT ISRAEL-GERMAN VENTURES SUGGESTED

TEL AVIV — Joint Israel-German industrial ventures, possibly involving third countries, should constitute the mainstay of German assistance to Israel in the future. Such projects would be better than loans or grants in helping rebuild relations between the two countries, Mr. Erich Blumenfeld, a Bundestag Deputy and confidante of Chancellor Erhard, told reporters here last week.

Summarizing his 13 day stay in this country, Mr. Blumenfeld said that such projects could "double or even quadruple the amount Israel could receive in grants from the Federal Republic." He would not disclose the figure he had in mind but said that Israel's economy might benefit by as much as DM500 million per year (in income).

As to the "third country" deals — Mr. Blumenfeld said he had mentioned India in connection with the possibilities of marketing fertilizers there. He also thought the Israel Government should take a "long second look" at the Eilat railway project, in view of the favourable location of this port as a gate to the promising Asian market.

He thought he would be able to present his recommendations to Chancellor Erhard "as soon as the Chancellor has the time to see me" — possibly still this week. Mr. Blumenfeld said he had concrete projects in mind. However, he did not want to mention the names of "some major concerns" who wished to cooperate with Israel, in view of possible political problems yet to be settled.

MARKET POSITION

Industrial cooperation would, he believed, also strengthen Israel's bargaining position in the Common Market, especially in view of her problems in marketing agricultural produce. Even such staunch friends of Israel as France and Italy were likely to be "politely opposed" to incursions into the agricultural market. But as a partner with Germany and especially in industry, Israel stood a much fairer chance.

Turning to other aspects of Israel-German relations, Mr. Blumenfeld was frankly critical of the stand of the press and public on matters concerning Germany. "You have the right to be critical in matters concerning us. But I do not think that it is a wise policy to be constantly meddling in other people's affairs . . ." he said, adding: "I feel rather deeply on this issue" (press comment asserting that there is basically no difference between the Third Reich and post-war Germany).

On the upsurge of German nationalist parties, Mr. Blumenfeld said: "You can rely on us to cope with this problem."

Earlier, Mr. Blumenfeld said that he had been unable to meet the Prime Minister in view of unexpected commitments by Mr. Eshkol. A meeting scheduled for yesterday afternoon had to be cancelled at the last moment. He did not say what he had done with the message to Mr. Eshkol which Dr. Erhard had asked him to deliver.

GUEST SPEAKER. - Dr. Sholom O. Waife, grandson of Sholom Aleichem, who will speak at the opening of the 20th Century Jewish Art Exhibition, Monday evening, May 2nd, at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Topic: Sholem Aleichem — My Grandfather. The exhibition, open to the public from May 2nd through May 5th, will feature a series of lithographs by Anatole Kaplan, Russian Jewish artist, and will include illustrations from Tevye The Milkman tales by Sholom Aleichem.

OPTIMISTIC OF OUTCOME IN ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS

JERUSALEM. — "The likelihood is that by the time Dr. Adenauer arrives here for his visit at the beginning of May, the Israel-German economic talks will have been concluded successfully. This could be the gift for Israel brought by Adenauer from Chancellor Erhard."

The man who expressed this optimistic view, according to The Jerusalem Post, was Dr. Felix von Eckardt, for over 10 years chief spokesman of the West German Government and a close aide of the former Chancellor and veteran German leader. He is concluding a fortnight's visit as guest of the Shilumim Corporation. Dr. Eckardt began his parliamentary career last September, when he was elected to the Bundestag for the ruling C.D.U. He serves on two powerful parliamentary committees — for Foreign Affairs and All-German Affairs.

Having sat in on most West German Cabinet sessions for 10 years, Dr. Eckardt knows both Dr. Adenauer and Dr. Erhard intimately and he sounds even more certain when he reflects on their attitude towards Israel: "Dr. Erhard's goodwill towards Israel should be trusted just as much as your people trusted Dr. Adenauer. Despite their various political differences, both the former and present Chancellor see eye to eye on all questions concerning Germany's relations with Israel. Chancelior Erhard proved this by his decisions last year to establish diplomatic relations. This was entirely his own decision and was made in the face of strong opposition."

Dr. Eckardt conveyed these views to Mr. Ben-Gurion, whom he met last week at Sde Boker, and to Foreign Minister Abba Eban. "Dr. Adenauer is a great admirer of Mr. Ben-Gurion and it seems to me that both statesmen are looking forward very much to meeting again. Although they saw each other only once, at the famous 90-minute meeting at the Waldorf Astoria in New York in March 1960, it is amazing how much accord and mutual understanding they found. This was expressed in a long exchange of letters that preceded the New York meeting."

Upon his return to Bonn, Dr. Eckhardt expects to meet Dr. Adenauer to report on his visit to Israel. Dr. Adenauer will just have come back from his Italian lake resort at Cadenabbia where he is now completing the second volume of his memoirs, dictating every day for several hours.

Dr. Eckardt also believes in the "basically positive attitude towards Israel of Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder. But it is the Foreign Ministry's duty to look after its own interests and to bear in mind Germany's relations with the Arabs as well." Reflecting on the future of relations between Israel and Germany in general, Dr. Eckardt believes that "it will take another two generations, at least, until these relations will become normal. Until then some strain and undercurrents are to be expected."

His father having been the Chief Editor of the "Hamburger Frembenblatt" for over 30 years until he resigned in 1933, shortly after Hitler came to power, Dr. Eckardt practically was "born" into journalism. By the time he was 27 he had served as correspondent for a number of influential German papers at the League of Nations in Geneva, and two years later, in 1932, he was Press Attache at the German Embassy in Brussels. After Hitler's rise, he was denied membership to the Press Chamber and began writing films script, "mainly thrillers," for Tobis Klangfilm. Most of the war years were spent on his father's estate in Mecklenburg, East Germany.

In September, 1945, Dr. Eckardt became one of the first German journalists to receive a permit from the Americans to publish newspaper—the "Weser Kurier," in Bremen, which to this day has a circulation of over 100,000. When, in 1951, Chancellor Adenauer looked for a new Director of the Government's Press Office and chief spokesman, after four had resigned within two years, Dr. Eckardt assumed the post and from then on his close relationship with Dr. Adenauer developed. He resigned in 1962 to become the Bonn Government's representative in Berlin.

We were just about to conclude our interview when Dr. Eckardt decided to mention something of which he does not speak often — "I don't want to make myself sound a hero, but I was not persona grata during the Nazi period. Many people don't know about it, but my paternal great-grandfather was one of the most famous violinists and violin teachers of his time — Ferdinand David, who was Jewish, and a close friend of Felix Mendelssohn. Mendelssohn's violin concerto was written in close consultation with David, and large parts of it actually were adapted to his style of playing. David was the first to perform the concerto in March, 1845. David's famous Stradivarius, which became known as the David Geige is now Jasha Heifetz' favourite violin.

WANT CONTRACTS

HAIFA (JCNS) — Haifa Port workers have presented demands for new labor contracts, retroactive to January, that will mean an increase of 100 per cent over their present earnings.

The stevedores stated they were supported by the Labour possibility of strikes. The workers' spokesman said the demands aimed at making it possible for a stevedore to "earn a living wage" in a single shift and not be dependent on overtime and premium payments.

"A stevedore with three children makes £480 to £670 a month working a normal shift each day. Many of the men are unable to work overtime; their health has been affected by the hard work. Anyway, there never is any certainty of extra work being available beyond the winter peak season," a spokesman stated.

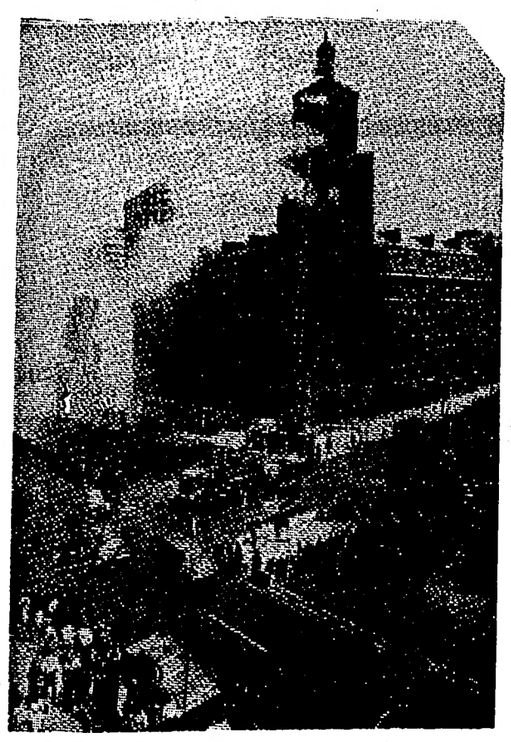
The stevedores' employer, the United Port Services Company, refused any comment other than saying they will conform to government wage policy. In view of the Histadrut ownership of the employer company, it is feared that the workers' demands be met to a large extent, thus making Israeli ports among the most expensive.

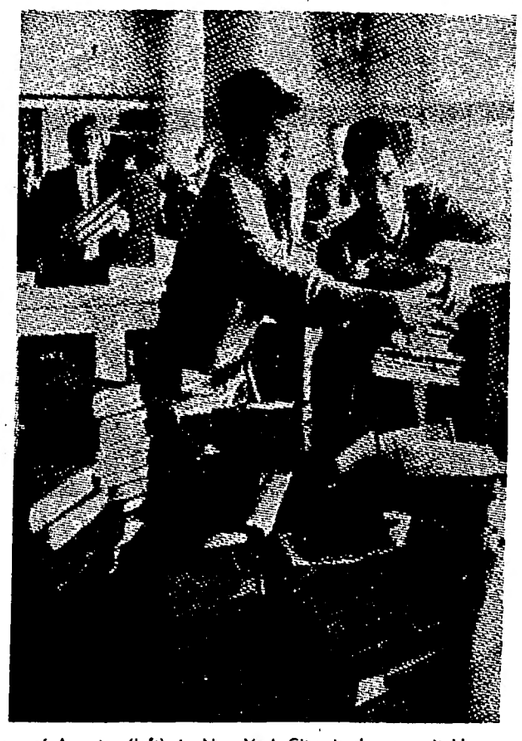
U.S.S.R. UPHOLDS PEACE

JERUSALEM — Moscow's declared policy of upholding the sovereign rights and territorial integrity of all States and the peaceful settlement of disputes definitely applies to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Soviet Ambassador, Dmitri Chuvakhin, gave this categorical assurance to Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol, at a meeting here on Wednesday.

At the meeting, which also was attended by Eshkol's adviser, Yaacov Herzog, Eshkol and the Ambassador discussed practical ways of improving Soviet-Israel relations.





FIRE AT JEWISH SEMINARY. - The Jewish Theological Seminary of America (left), in New York City, is shown as it blazes away during a fire which was confined in the library stack tower causing heavy damage to a collection of 200,000 volumes dealing with the history, theology and philosophy of the Hebraic and Judaic cultures. Two stacks of books were burned and ten more damaged.
A collection of 10,000 rare manuscripts stored in a vault of one of the wings was not affected. However, according to Dr. Simon Greenberg, vice chancellor of the school, a recently acquired collection of books and manuscripts dealing with the disappearing Jewish communities of North Africa were stored on the top floor of the stack tower awaiting classification. What happened to them was not yet known.
Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the seminary, said a collection of partly microfilmed Yiddish language newspapers published in the country from the earlier days of the Jewish migration had been totally destroyed in flames.
Students (right) are shown placing books so they could be covered for protection against water pumped on the fire on upper floors. As of now, a fire loss of $2 million has been estimated.

EAST BERLIN CELEBRATES A RARE EVENT - A BRITH

BERLIN. — Last month East Berlin celebrated a brith, a ritual circumcision. Amid much joy, this rare event welcomed a little boy into the Jewish community.

Since there are only 850 Jews left in East Berlin and more than 80% are between the ages of 55 and 90, such occasions are rare for East Berlin Jews.

Heinz Schenk, head of the community, said: "We live a good life here. Almost all of us get pensions from the Government as victims of Nazi persecution. There is no antisemitism here."

Schenk and his wife receive the equivalent of $125 monthly from the East German government. They can live comfortably. He has a car and takes vacations.

"Why should we want to leave? We are content to spend the few remaining years of our lives here."

Many more Jewish survivors of the Nazi terror lived in East Berlin after the war, according to Schenk. But most of them fled following the trial of Jewish doctors in Moscow in postwar years.

Schenk praised the Communist government. He said the regime had paid for the reconstruction of synagogues and for the care of Jewish cemeteries and memorials. Their synagogue which holds 200 persons never is used except on the High Holidays. Ten or twelve people show up for Sabbath services; they use the small chapel in the back.

Kosher meat is brought in from West Berlin. Ritual wine is imported from Bavaria. Passover matza came from Hungary.

When the rabbi died recently, the Jewish community found a rabbi in Budapest, Dr. Edward Singer. But he will stay only about two years. He wants to return to Budapest. "The spiritual life of the Jewish community is stronger there."

NEW BRANCH OF SEPHARDI JEWS

JERUSALEM—The World Sephardi Federation will open a branch in New York and expand its activities in France and South America in cooperation with the Jewish Agency, which will help financially.

This has been decided in talks here between Mr. Gad Ben-Meir, the administrative director of the W.S.F. members of the Israeli branch, Mr. Arye L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, and Mr. Zvi Lurie, head of the Agency's organization department.

The W.S.F. hopes to encourage the cultural development of the large Sephardi communities in those countries. The aim of the Jewish Agency is to bring the communities into closer touch with Israel.

NEW PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, (JCNS) — Herman L. Weisman, Chairman of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, has been elected President of the Jewish National Fund of America, succeding the late Mr. Max Bressler.

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BOARD MEET

Recently the Eastern Canadian Region, United Synagogue Youth, held its annual spring board meeting in St. Catherines Ont. The newly elected executive includes: Jack Kugelmass, president; Rick Morris, 1st vice president; Richard Vineberg, 2nd vice president; Howard Dyan, treasurer; Niki Adler, corresponding secretary; Rhona Schwartz, recording secretary.

Standards passed include: observance of the Sabbath; observance of kashrut; attendance of four services a month three of which must be on Shabat; two hours of Judaic study weekly; 75% participation in the chapter; 75% participation in the region

NOMINATIONS MEET

Recently Beth El Congregation held its nominations meeting at which the guest speaker was Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg. Rabbi-Emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple. He spoke on: Vietnam or Ritual? Civil Rights or Ceremonies — Must Jews Choose?

LECTURE

Beth El's second lecture in the Adult Jewish Education series takes place Monday, May 2nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs Ronald Nefsky. Topic will be. Prosletism, Conversion and the Sabbath. Guest speaker will be Rabbi David Powell of Holy Blossom.

ELECTION MEET

The following officers of the executive of Clanton Park Synagogue were elected recently at a meeting: Eli Munk, president; Irving Feldman, 1st vice president; Myer Feldman, 2nd vice president; Michael Rosenfelder recording secretary; Sam Janowsky, corresponding secretary; Myer Pik, treasurer; Dr. N. Shaul, chairman, Israel Bonds; Aaron Weinstock, cultural chairman; Tibor Berk, social chairman; S Nussbaum, D. Herzig, gaboim; Sam Kanner, house committee; D. Zimmerman, library; L. Schumacher, youth committee, S Hofstedter, B. Hahn, membership; Aron Frankel, Sam Grafstein, special funds; Dr. Y Shields, publicity; T. Manson Bill Rubinstein, Telephone committee; Abe Figdor, hall rental; I. Rubinstein, Bikkur Cholim; Rev. Hofstedter, Chevra Kadisha; P. Schwartz, coordinating committee.

FEDERAL AID

Regarding federal aid to non-public schools in New York City Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice president of Agudath Israel of America, stated: "Unless the Board of Education provides comparable services for disadvantaged children in non-public schools it would be a violation of the federal law". Groups seeking to deny or limit these benefits he scored as "die-hard doctrinaires who refuse to accept the will of the people as expressed by Congress, and who now are attempting to turn back the clock to discredited educational concepts".

CLOSING MEET

Broherhood of Holy Blossom will hold its closing meeting on Tuesday evening, May 3rd Bar and Bat Mitzvahs will be honored; nominating committee will present its slate for the coming year.

WINNER

Joseph Marin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Marin, members of Holy Blossom Temple, won third place in the annual Regional Finals of theNational Bible Contest. He also won the Holy Blossom finals which give him the opportunity to attend the National Federation of Temple Youth Torah Corps next year, as well as a scholarship this year to the Union Institute in Oconomowoc, Wis. He is a grade IX student at Holy Blossom Religious School.

DINNER

Holy Blossom Youth Council will have its election dinner on Sunday, May 1st.

ONEG SHABBAT

Congregation Hsbonim held an Oneg Shabbat following services last Friday night. Rabbi Slonim spoke on: How Religion Failed A question-answer period followed.

SEMINAR

Adath Israel Youth will hold its final Rosh Chodesh Seminar Sunday, May 8th. Pesach Schindler, assistant director of the education commission, United Synagogue of America, will speak on: The Challenge of Maturity; The Challenge of Social Issues Lag B'Omer Services will follow. The USY Drama Group will entertain in the evening.

SESSION

Adath Israel Adult Study Committee and members heard Rabbi Erwin Schild conduct the second session of The Talmud Thursday evening, April 28th. Al Waisglass was chairman.

SOCIAL

Brotherhood Social of Adath Israel will be held Monday evening, May 2nd.

PROMINENT GUEST

Prof. Maxwell Cohen, Q. C., will receive the 1966 Beth Sholom Brotherhood's annual humanitarian award at a dinner on Monday, May 2nd.

The award is a means of honoring those men and women who have, by deed and example, furthered the cause of universal brotherhood.

Chairman of the dinner is Manny Ezrin. Frank Cadesky chose Prof. Cohen for this year's award because of his continuous efforts on behalf of the cause of brotherhood and the dignity of man.

Sam Zale is president of Brotherood; Harry Polevoy, president of the synagogue.

Israeli Author Defends Pope Pius XII

JERUSALEM.— Defending the late Pope Pius XII, an Israeli author said that the Pontiff's unobtrusive wartime efforts saved many more Jews from death by Hitler than is believed.

Author Pinhas Lapide, a Canadian-born Jew who had lost six relatives in Europe and who is a former consul in Milan, goes so far as to state that the Pope deserves a memorial forest in the Judean Hills, with 860,000 trees, the number of Jewish lives the Pope had saved, according to Lapide.

This information is contained in The Last Three Popes and the Jews, a book which will be published in the Netherlands some time in the fall.

Lapide claims his findings are "basically anti-Hochhuth, a rebuttal of the assertion by the German author and playwright, Rolf Hochchuth, that the Pope declined to protest while European Jewry was being consumed in the gas chambers.

The author states that most of findings are from personal accounts of survivors now in Israel ,from privately published accounts and from the archives of Yad Vashem, a memorial authority in Jerusalem containing one of the world's largest collections of documents on the fate of European Jewry.

Lapide did not seek information from the Vatican during his two years of research. "I felt this must be said and that it must be said by a Jew."

JESUITS ACKNOWLEDGE GUILT

NEW YORK — A remarkable confession has been made to an audience which included the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Spellman, and the Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Rabbi Dr. Louis Finkelstein, by the Father - General of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuit order), Father Pedro Arrupe.

He told an ecumenical gathering here last Monday that the Jesuits contritely acknowledged the "formidable proportions" of the part they had played in heightening religious tensions.

Declaring that Jesuits now would be encouraged to play a leading part in the ecumenical movement, Father Arrupe expressed the belief that there was a definite place "for more specific contact between the Jesuits and Jewish leaders."

Father Arrupe, who is here from Rome to visit Jesuits in America, said that "We must all bear from the past common burdens" such as "an exaggerated sense of loyalty to one's own Church at the expense of charity; a too-rigid concept of truth where personal opinions are sometimes easily confused with Divine revelation; a misguided zeal for propagating the Gospel, which is sometimes utilised with means not always according to that Gospel; an ignorance of the true thought of others or a facile misjudgement of motives ;a too-easy yielding to nationalistic or partisan prejudices."

SCIENTISTS DISCUSS DESALINATION

HAIFA, (JCNS) — Four hundred scientists assembled in Haifa to discuss desalination with the view of tackling the problems which are expected to emerge from the project of nuclear desalination being negotiated between Israel and the U. S. The meeting was organized by the Technion and the Israel Chemical Society. The National Research Council is now taking an interest in the desalination problems and is laying emphasis on a wide spectrum of methods on which much basic work is still to be done. While the general principle of using nuclear energy for desalination has been accepted, it is felt that not enough is known about the functioning of a number of purely tecnical items. Professor Israel Dostrovsky of the Weizmann Institute, a member of the Research Council, stated that the Council will do everything possible to reduce the time between research and experimentation on a pilot scale under field conditions. It aims at attracting a maximum number of scientists to work on desalination and for this reason has rejected the idea of establishing a separate institution devoted exclusively to this research.

ISRAELI GOV'T TO ECONOMIZE

JERUSALEM, ((JCNS) — Pinchas Sapir told the press here that he intends to consolidate government revenue agencies as a first step in efforts to economize in govrnment apparatus. "Some civil servants even may be dismissed" in further stages, he said, adding that 95,000 persons throughout the economy — ten per cent of the entire labor force — was redundant, and the government intends to give a lead in remedying the situation.

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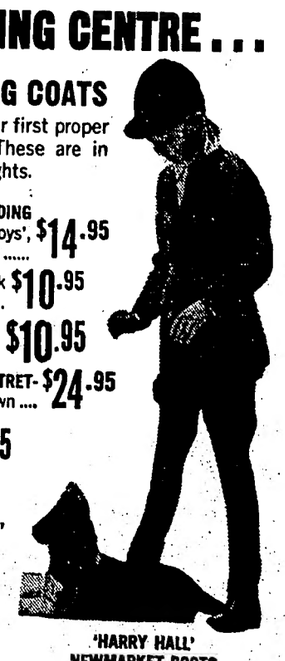

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